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Docket No.: 53091US009

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: AI-PING WEI AND MICHAEL G. WILLIAMS

Application No.: 09/448,633

Group Art Unit: 1631 ✓

Filed: November 24, 1999

Examiner: M. Moran

Title: FLUOROGENIC PROTEASE SUBSTRATES BASED ON DYE-DIMERIZATION

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Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims As Amended						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining After Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	20	Minus	** 21	0	x \$18.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	*** 3	0	x \$84.00	\$0.00
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid						\$280.00
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment →						\$0.00

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Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

A response is provided to the final Office Action mailed on July 16, 2003.

New claims 22-24 are added. Claims 1, 4-10, 12-13, 15-24 are pending.